

MR. WATTLES - 1 June 71

MIRIAM - ~~Does Mr. C.~~  
want to see?

*75W*  
*We should let other*  
*interested people*  
*know*  
*2 JUN 1971*  
*(over)*

TRANSMITTAL SLIP		DATE: MAY 19/71
TO: Executive Director-Comptroller		
ROOM NO. 7D59	BUILDING Hqs	
REMARKS:		
<p><i>Return ADD/S</i> <i>W</i> <i>POW</i></p>		
FROM: ADD/S		
ROOM NO. 7D18	BUILDING Hqs	EXTENSION

FORM NO. 241  
1 FEB 55

REPLACES FORM 36-8  
WHICH MAY BE USED.

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In view of fact D/S and D/L did receive cys, RSW says additional cys do not have to be forwarded -- considered not necessary to forward LKW's comments.

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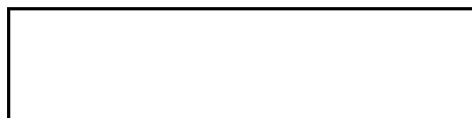
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it is mere that key people in  
DD/S know the procedure  
so that the necessary can  
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DONE at the City of Washington this 1st day of March in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and seventy-eighth.

**[SEAL]****DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER****Cross References.**

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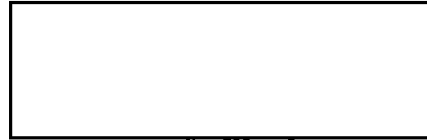
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